

Customer No.: 31561
Docket No.: 12190-US-PA
Application No.: 10/708,015

REMARKS

Present Status of the Application

This is a full and timely response to the outstanding final Office Action mailed April 04, 2007. The Office Action has rejected claims 1, 2 and 6 under 35 U.S.C. 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Langan et al (US 6,766,064) in view of Ferguson (US 6,907,143). Further, the Office Action has objected to claims 3, 4, 5 and 7 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim.

After carefully considering the remarks set forth in this Office Action and the cited reference, Applicants have amended claims 3, 4, 5 and 7, and cancelled claims 1, 2 and 6 to more clearly define the present invention. More specifically, claims 3, 4, 5 and 7 have been respectively rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and intervening claims. After entry of the foregoing amendments, the presently pending claims are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the Examiner's rejection are respectfully requested.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C 103 (a)

The Office Action has rejected claims 1, 2 and 6 under 35 U.S.C. 102 (a) as being unpatentable over Langan et al (US 6,766,064) in view of Ferguson (US 6,907,143).

In response to rejections to claims 1, 2 and 6, claims 1, 2, and 6 are cancelled, thereby rendering the corresponding rejections moot.

Discussion of Office Action Objections

The Office Action objected claims 3, 4, 5 and 7 as being dependent upon a rejected

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base claim.

In response thereto, Applicants have respectively rewritten claims 3, 4, 5 and 7 in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and intervening claims.

For at least the foregoing reasons, Applicants respectfully submit that amended claims 3, 4, 5 and 7 patently define over the prior art as a matter of law and are in condition for allowance.

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CONCLUSION

For at least the foregoing reasons, it is believed that the pending claims 3, 4, 5 and 7 are in proper condition for allowance and an action to such effect is earnestly solicited. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would expedite the examination of the above-identified patent application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

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